

House Resolution No. 3

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed with exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, Mary Enderle Spalding of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained the long-awaited status of Missouri Centenarian; and

Whereas, born on November 22, 1903, Mary Spalding recently celebrated her One Hundredth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, Mary established a family of her own through her joyful marriage in February 1924 to Joe Spalding who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Mary and Joe Spalding was blessed with five wonderful children, including Martha Ann Dempster, Joe Spalding, Ida Roper, Mary Alice Schweer, and Blanche Asmus; and

Whereas, Mary and Joe Spalding spent many productive years in Benton, Missouri, where they owned and operated Spalding Trucking and contracted school buses for the area; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Mary Spalding has enjoyed a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, establishment of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and transition from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the glorious arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Mary Spalding and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more fulfilling years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mary Enderle Spalding of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3, adopted January 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker